

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

COUNCILORS: Tonita Gurule-Giron
Vince Howell - Absent
Joey Herrera
David L. Romero

ALSO PRESENT: Elmer J. Martinez, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Dave Romero, City Attorney
Juan Montano, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge and appreciate life and welcome Councilor Howell back and his improving health.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Martinez made a recommendation to remove Item 7 Resolution 15-43 Abatement of nuisances located at 102 Mills Avenue as Code Enforcement has informed him that the trailer has been removed.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve the agenda with the recommended changes. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Vince Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor gave a brief report on the issues related to water.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

None at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT

No one signed up for Public Input.

CITY MANAGER'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT

City Manager Martinez spoke to the Governing Body regarding shootings that have occurred in other states and the steps the City of taking to protect the community and the staff. City Manager Martinez advised the City staff currently attend active shooter training that is conducted by the Police Department to help make staff aware of how to handle situations. City Manager Martinez advised the Governing body that the City has resources available for staff that are going through rough times in a proactive approach to keep situations from becoming more harmful. The City has taken steps to protect its buildings and staff by installing security doors.

Police Chief Juan Montano advised the Governing Body he has attended meetings within the community and there is a belief that the shootings that been occurring throughout the country and terrorists attempts could not happen in Las Vegas. Police Chief Montano advised these types of situations can occur in our community and the department is proactive in their approach and want to keep the community safe.

Questions were asked about the status of the shooting range.

Police Chief Montano advised the range is still closed at this moment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Out of State Travel for Police Department.

Police Chief Montano advised the Police Internal Affairs will be held in Jacksonville Florida on November 30th through December 4, 2015. The Las

Vegas Police Department will be sending one City employee. Grant funding will be used for the training.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

2. Extension of Contractual Agreement for inmate confinement for prisoners and/or inmates arrested by the City.

Police Chief Montano advised the purpose of the agreement is for the confinement for prisoners and/or inmates arrested by City Police.

City Manager Martinez advised the agreement had previously been brought before the Governing Body, after approval the County had some changes to the agreement and has since been reviewed by the City, County and Municipal Judge.

Police Chief Montano advised the agreement would be for one year.

City Manager Martinez gave the Governing Body an overview of the negotiations that occurred with the agreement.

Questions and discussion took place on issues that the County would not negotiate on with the City regarding billing proration during an inmate's stay.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Resolution No. 15-51 to donate one Cascade Eagle Compressor Model #BAP8EK3 Serial #42702201 and four CyclindeBottles DOT E-9421-4500/6750 Numbers: 734449, 735016, 105086.

Fire Chief Mares advised the City of Las Vegas recently upgraded to a newer Cascade system and have no need for the older, smaller cascade system and four cylinder bottles. Fire Chief Mares advised the volunteer Fire Department in Mineral Hill expressed an interest in the equipment.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

4. Resolution No. 15-49 Budget Adjustment Resolution.

Finance Director Gallegos advised there is a need for increasing and decreasing the FY2016 budgeted revenues or expenditures. Finance Director Gallegos advised there are several carry over funding from previous fiscal year for Fire and Police Department. Finance Director provided a summary sheet with an explanation of the transfers.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

5. Discussion of Publication or Ordinance #15-11 authorizing the execution and delivery of a loan agreement between the City of Las Vegas and the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Finance Director Gallegos advised the City of Las Vegas was awarded a loan from the New Mexico Finance Authority for the purpose of financing the renovation, rehabilitation and repair of the Abe Montoya Recreation Center. The principal amount being \$2,801,121.

Questions were asked the anticipated time before construction to begin.

City Manager Martinez advised construction is anticipated to begin early spring and finish midsummer.

Questions were asked regarding the engineering firms contract and if the proposal would expire prior to money being available.

City Manager Martinez advised the governing body has already approved for the City to enter into negotiations with WH Pacific for the Recreation Center, so there is no deadline for the proposal.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

6. Resolution No. 15-42 Abatement of nuisances located at 236 Bernal Street.

Code Enforcement Officer Lujan advised the property located at 236 Bernal Street has several nuisances on the property. The property owner started work but has not continued. Code Enforcement Officer Lujan advised the first tag was issued 113 days prior and is requesting abatement of the property. Code Enforcement Officer Lujan showed the Governing body pictures of the property.

Questions were asked about the location address of the property as the streets around the area are different then what the property address is listed at.

Code Enforcement Officer Lujan indicated the gate to the property is Bernal Street.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

8. Resolution No. 15-47 Abatement of nuisances located at 831 Chavez Street.

Code Enforcement Officer Lujan advised the property located at 831 Chavez Street has not been cleaned or maintained for several years creating a hazard to the public health, welfare and safety. Code Enforcement Lujan showed the Governing Body pictures of the property.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

9. Resolution No. 15-48 in support of MainStreet de Las Vegas' application in the amount of \$50,000 to New Mexico MainStreet for way finding signage in Las Vegas' downtown districts.

Community Development Director Lindsey Valdez advised the Governing body that MainStreet de Las Vegas is submitting an application to New Mexico MainStreet for a 2016 appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 for way signage. If awarded the City of Las Vegas will serve as the fiscal agent and will commit a minimum of \$6,000 cash match and \$4,000 in-kind match to the project. MainStreet is working collaboratively with the City's Event Planner/Film Liaison to incorporate the City's brand elements into all signage.

MainStreet Executive Director Collins gave the governing body an overview of the way finding signage and how it would benefit tourism by directing traffic to areas of interest. MainStreet has applied for funding before and hoping to be awarded this year with the commitment from the City.

Discussion took place regarding how the signage could boost travelers spending money in the community and easier to navigate around to the downtown community.

Executive Director Collins advised priority signage of areas in the community would be discussed.

Discussion took place if the signs would be visible in the evening and would they remain in those locations.

Community Development Director Valdez presented to the governing body a few design recommendations of the signage.

Questions were asked why the two previous attempts to obtain funding were denied.

Executive Director Collins advised the funding was once denied due to there not being a Downtown Master Plan, so MainStreet obtained funding to develop a Downtown Master Plan.

Questions were asked what fund would the match and in-kind funding be utilized.

Community Development Director Valdez advised the match and in-kind are coming from Lodgers Tax funding that were allocated for the design firm.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

10. Award request for bid #2016-17 for Natural Gas Inventory Supplies as a multiple source award to Mountain States Pipe & Supply, KGM and Secor.

Utilities Director Garcia advised the governing body that the Gas Department went for bids for natural gas inventory supplies. The department is asking to make multiple awards as prices are lower on different materials for each vendor.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

City Manager Martinez advised he wished to have brief Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilor Gurule-Giroñ seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Vince Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Herrera made a motion to reconvene into regular session, personnel matters were discussed and no action was taken. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

David L. Romero	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	Vince Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Gurule-Giroñ seconded the motion.

Councilor Howell advised he would like a follow-up discussion on the trash pickup for clarification of the charges for additional pickups. Councilor Howell asked if there was a separate fee schedule for senior customers or customers on low income and if there could be discussion to create one so the City doesn't lose out on money from bills not being paid.

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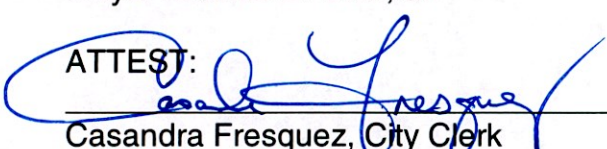
City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN



Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk